QUESTIONS FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY
(But not taken up)

Scarcity of Drinking Water in the Villages of Belgaum District

515 SRI P. A. PAWASHE (Uchagon)—Will the Minister for Rural Development and Panchayat Raj be pleased to state.—

(a) the total number of villages in Belgaum Taluka wherein there is scarcity of drinking water, and wherein open wells as well as bore wells have failed ? (Give the name of the villages) ;

(b) whether it is not a fact that during summer season water was supplied to some of these villages by tanks ;

(c) if so, the steps government are going to take, to provide drinking water to these villages ?

SRI B. RAMAIAH (Minister for Rural Development and Panchayat Raj)

(a) Out of 137 villages in Belgaum Taluka, Scarcity of Drinking water is felt in the summer season in 3 villages, *viz.*, Atiwad, Bekkinkeri and Agasage.

(b) During 1980-81 *i.e.*, in summer season, drinking water was supplied by tanks to the 3 villages *viz.* Atiwad, Bekkinkeri and Agasage.

(c) *Agasage Village :*

N. R. W. S. Scheme has been completed and handed over to Village Panchayat Committee on 1-9-1980 for maintenance. During summer season, the yield from the spring which is the source to the scheme dwindles. With a view to establish alternative source of supply, 3 bore-wells were drilled out of which 2 borewells failed and the third Bore-well drilled to a depth of 270 yielding only 20 GPH of water. Hence this source could not be tapped for N.R.W.S. scheme. In the absence of reliable source of water nearby, the PHE Department is examining the alternative to have borewells in the valley near Chalvanatti village, which is 5 KM away from where water is to be pumped. During scarcity period Revenue Department is supplying water by Transportation.

Bekkinkeri Village :

Two borwells were drilled out of which 1 borewell failed and another one drilled near Janatha Colony yielded 175 GPH. At present yield of this borewell is reduced and hence pump is not working, especially during summer season. Two open Wells

provided to this village have also dried up. The residents of this village are fetching water from Irrigation Wells. The Geologist has opined that there is no possibility of providing Borewells to this village.

Atiwad Village :

Out of 4 Borewells drilled only one Borewell was successful with a meagre yield of 150 GPH. Since the successful borewell has met with alternative bond of clay, the borewell collapsed. Hence, handpumps is not working at present. In order to solue the drinking water problem both in the villages of Bekkinkeri and Atiwad, there is proposal to take up N.R.W.S. scheme to these two villages with a common source. For this purpose an estimate of Rs. 2 54 lakhs and Rs. 1.39 lakhs respectively have been prepared by the PHE Department.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Re : Programme of Business of the House.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKAR.—Before, going to the other subject, I have got an announcement to make.

The Business Advisory Committee at its meeting held yesterday the 5th July, 1982 have recommended the following programme of business for the House :

6th July 1982	Discussion and voting of Demands pertaining to Minister for Transport and Minor Irrigation and Minister for Law, Parliamentry Affairs and Animal Husbandry.

The Committee have also recommended that the House may sit from 9-00 A.M. to 12-30 P.M, and again from 2-30 P.M. to 6·30 P.M. from 7th July onwards except on Saturdays, when the House will sit in the morning only to transact the following business :

7th July 1982	Discussion and Voting of Demands pertnining to Minister for Social Welfare and Minister of State for Women and Children Welfare.
8th and 9th July 1982	Discussion and Voting of Demands pertaining to Minister for Public Works and Minister of State for Fisheries.
10th and 12th July 1982	Discussion and Voting of Demands pertaining to Minister for Forests, Mines and Geology and Minister for Labour.